

down saw mill on this location built either by the Cackleys or by Sampson L. Mathews. It went into the possession of Valentine Cackley and James Cackley and they sold it to Sampson L. Mathews in 1834. Mathews then moved from his home on Swago and spent the remainder of his life at Mill Point. Mary the only child of Sampson L. Mathews married William H. McClintic and came into possession of the mill and saw mill upon the death of her father in 1854. In 1865 William H. McClintic sold this property to Isaac McNeel. (see report for June 12. 1940 for the history of McNeel's mill) Isaac McNeel built the present mill just a short distance from the <sup>site of the</sup> old Cackley mill.

Hunter McClintic, son of William H. McClintic, built the old red mill on Swago. It was just below the site of the old Jonathan and Phebe McNeill mill. It ground both corn and flour, and was built sometime in the 1880's. It was called McClintic's Old Red Mill. Grose and Armentrout were the millwrites. This mill has been idle for a good many years, and was torn down a few years ago.

#### Beard Mill Property-----Locust Creek

The first mill on this property is believed to have been built by Josiah Beard, a pioneer, and seems to have been rebuilt, or a new mill built by his son Edwin Beard. I could find no date as to when the mill was built but in July 1893 Edwin L. Beard and Mollie his wife sold the "Beard Mill Property" to W. H. Overholt. In 1897 L. J. Williams was appointed Special Commissioner to sell the land as decreed by the June term of court in the suit of L. J. Williams and J. C. Patterson, trustees, vs W. H. Overholt

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and others. A. F. Mathews became the purchaser for \$2900 for lien upon land. Said Mathews signified to have the deed made to R. W. Hill and E. L. Beard. 25 acres including a Grist mill and water power known as the Beard Mill Property. The deed was given March 5, 1901. In 1905 there was another suit of chancery over this property, and in 1907 it was sold to Charles S. Donnally. Donnally owned the mill until in 1911 when he sold to J. F. Gabbert. Gabbert later sold it to Bertie Hiner and husband, T. H. Hiner. In 1922 there was another suit of chancery and on November 13, 1923 L. M. McClintic, Special Commissioner, Bertie Hiner and T. H. Hiner deeded it to James W. H. Poage who on March 17, 1925 sold it to W. W. McCoy, and on December 30, 1931 it was bought by Sidney McCoy the present owner. I think one would be perfectly safe in saying that this mill has the distinction of having changed hands more times than any other mill in all Pocahontas County.

#### Dilleys Mill---Thorny Creek

\* Dilleys Mill was first built by Henry Dilley, the pioneer, and in 1843 was deeded to his son John Dilley along with all of his lands on Thorny Creek, for support of he and his wife in their old age. John Dilley was a mechanic of remarkable skill to be a self trained workman. He was honest and industrious, and it is believed by his friends that he sacrificed his health to his useful calling through exposure. William H. Dilley another son was for many years the village blacksmith at Huntersville. John Dilley seems to have had but one child Frances wife of Lieut. Henry Moffett Poage who was killed during the Civil War. Mrs. Poage had died some time previously. As near as I can trace the ownership

Inventory of Materials

*Industry*

Topic: *Old Mill* W. Va

*Mill Point*

Title: *Old mill on bank of Stamping Creek*

Author: *Postmaster of Mill Point*

*Nov 23, 1937*

*Reply to letter*

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ words.

Status:

Contents:

*Built about 1868 is still operating.*

Sources:

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OF WEST VIRGINIA

312 Smallridge Building,  
Charleston, W.Va.

J. N. ALDERSON  
ADMINISTRATOR

November 18, 1937.

Postmaster of Mill Point,  
West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

A few facts connected with the history of the old  
overshot water mill just west of the highway on the bank of  
Stamping Creek are needed by the Federal Writers' Project for  
the completion of the Mill Point story. I shall be greatly  
obliged if you will supply the answers to the following  
questions:

*A Carpenter by the name  
of Reed built the mill.*

By whom was it built? *Mr. Isaac McNeil was the owner & had it built*  
When was it built? *About 1868 or later part of 60's*  
Is it now in operation? *Yes*  
If not, when was it abandoned?

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

*John L. Stender*  
John L. Stender,  
State Director  
Federal Writers' Project.

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*R. H. Cuddridge.  
Postmaster of Mill Point.*

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